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Subject: Architectural Review Board Appointment

Dear Commissioners and Staff,

I am writing in regard to an Architectural Review Board (ARB) appointment. In July, the County Commissioners approved the reappointment of Terry Peterson to the ARB. While according to ARB bylaws, he was ineligible, the County Commissioners voted to AMEND the bylaws.

After that meeting, Beth LaCivita, our Executive Director, spoke with Linda Hurst, at the City Attorney's office about how to do the amendment, since the ARB is a city-county board. Ms. LaCivita was told that to amend the bylaws, would require a change to the code, and that the City Attorney's office would not recommend the amendment to the bylaws. It then became our understanding that BOTH the county and the city would have to approve the amendment.

In light of that information, staff to the ARB sought another qualified applicant, Walt Marder, who is an architectural historian with the Department of State. Mr. Marder is an active AIA member, which would qualify him to fulfill Mr. Peterson's position. He is respected by preservationists and architects alike and he is ready and willing to serve on the ARB.

While we thank the Commission for recognizing Mr. Peterson's abilities and commitment to the ARB, we (staff to the ARB) feel it is necessary to appoint Mr. Marder at this time and we are seeking direction from you on how to proceed with that. I have spoken with Ms. Cherry Shaw regarding the matter. She suggested I draft this letter, requesting an agenda item be drafted to appoint Mr. Marder to the ARB.

Thank you for your consideration regarding this matter,

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